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GROUNDED FISHING VESSEL OFF KEWALO BASIN TO BE REMOVED THURSDAY A.M.

HONOLULU – A 55 foot fishing vessel, the Logan, went aground before 6 a.m. today about 25 yards off shore in the Point Panic area outside Kewalo Basin.

The vessel had unloaded its catch at Pier 38 and was returning to Kewalo where it is moored, when the grounding occurred. The vessel owner stated he was coming into the Kewalo Harbor when the vessel developed a problem with the rudder and he couldn't steer the vessel while in the channel.

Agencies notified and responding include the U.S. Coast Guard, DLNR's Boating and Ocean Recreation, Conservation and Resources Enforcement, and Aquatic Resources divisions.

The Department of Health Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Branch, Honolulu Fire Department also responded; the US Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA were also notified.

According to DLNR's Oahu district boating staff, the Kewalo Basin harbormaster initially contacted Vessel Assist, a marine salvage company, to conduct the removal operation. Subsequently the Lee and Lee Fishing Incorporated hired Cates International, which is expected to begin the removal at high tide Thursday morning. The vessel is insured.

The Coast Guard has determined that any hazardous materials and fuels must be either secured or removed prior to salvage. PENCO has been hired to remove approximately 500 gallons of diesel fuel.

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